REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of Claims 25-30. In order to expedite issuance of the claims in the present case, Applicants have cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof, Claims 31-33. Accompanying this Amendment and Response is a Notice of Appeal in order to appropriately extend any time deadlines in order that a formal notice of allowance can be issued. An appropriate Request for Extension of Time with payment for such extension is also submitted herewith.

Applicants further acknowledge the acceptance of the Terminal Disclaimer previously submitted.

Based upon the foregoing, Applicants believe that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and such disposition is respectfully requested. In the event that a telephone conversation would further prosecution and/or expedite allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted.

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